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2022

Supervisor Taylor's Committee Assignments: Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Chair • Finance Committee • Vice Chair

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to the entirely new District 5! District 5 was created in the redistricting process that takes place every 10 years. My name is Sequanna Taylor, I am honored to be serving you as your Milwaukee County Supervisor. I am looking forward to getting to know this new district! Please consider filling out and returning the survey attached to this Newsletter for me to better understand the values and priorities of our community here in District 5.

Our office is doing the work in the community! This summer our office hosted the annual McGovern Night, along with my colleague Supervisor Felesia Martin (District 7.) We had County and Community resource partners, a DJ, a community cookout, and free pantry staples provided by Dream Team United MKE to take home. District 5 is also beginning to host regular Re-Enter Unblemished events, every two months, that focus on helping those coming out of the criminal justice system reintegrate in their communities in a positive and healthy way. The next Re-Enter Unblemished event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 11th at the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center located at 5460 N. 64th St. in Milwaukee.

Finally, the County Budget is upon us! The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted [15-3] the 2023 County budget after a marathon deliberation of about 12 hours on November 10th. Two important taskforces, regarding incarcerated youth and paratransit, were adopted that will increase democratic input. I was excited to see the resolution I wrote to make some improvements on our senior centers passed. While the Board of Supervisors were able to adopt a budget that avoids major service cuts and makes needed investments across Milwaukee County, a fiscal cliff is looming. By 2027, there will be no local dollars for local services without an additional revenue source. To learn more about how to ensure Milwaukee County's fiscal future, visit www.moveforwardmke.com.

Sincerely,

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McGovern Night Out 2022



Supervisor Taylor with EXPO (Ex-incarcerated people organizing) Wisconsin at McGovern Night Out working to #unlockthevote.



Supervisor Taylor at the Kohl's presents Milwaukee Art Museum booth that brought a craft for the kids to do!



Supervisor Taylor with the MCTS employees and the booth encouraging people to ride the bus.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Dream Team United MKE



Dream Team united MKE was founded as a mutual aid organization during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last two years, the team has supplied thousands of coats, book bags with school supplies, groceries, shoes, free haircuts and styles, and family style meals during the holiday season. Dream Team MKE partnered with District 5 for McGovern Night over this past summer and thousands of pounds of pantry staples and protein were given out to community members in Districts 5 and 7. Get involved or follow their work on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DreamTeam-United-MKE-105429154570251.



Farina Brooks (center), founder of Dream Team MKE, poses with volunteers, including activist Vaun Mayes (second from the left) from Community Task Force MKE.

Community Assistance Resource List

Shelter Hotline: (414) 302-6633

Men

Milwaukee Rescue Mission (Safe Harbor):

1820 W. Wells St. • (414) 935-0200

Guest House of Milwaukee: 1216 N. 13th St. • (414) 345-3240

Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • (414) 265-6360

Salvation Army Respite Care: 1730 N. 7th St. • (414) 265-6360

Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • (414) 645-2122

Women

Cathedral Center, Inc.: 845 N. Van Buren St. • (414) 831-0394

Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • (414) 265-6360

Salvation Army Respite Care: 1730 N. 7th St. • (414) 265-6360

Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • (414) 645-2122

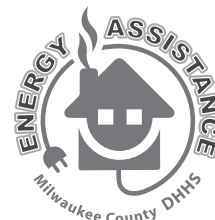
Casa Maria: 1131 N. 21st St. • (414) 344-5745

Families

Community Information Line: 211

A-Call: (414) 302-6633

Energy Assistance Available for Qualifying Milwaukee County Residents



If you are looking for help on your energy bill this winter, Milwaukee County may have you covered. The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier.

If you have a utility bill and are within Milwaukee County's income guidelines, you probably qualify. Schedule an appointment by calling **(414) 270-4-MKE** or **2-1-1**. Once you successfully complete the application with an energy specialist your benefit will go directly to your utility account.

- If you have completed an application interview and need to return verification documents to expedite your Energy Assistance application: Send documents to milwaukee.energy@umos.org if you had an interview with UMOS. Send documents to eadocuments@communityadvocates.net if you had an interview with Community Advocates.
- Please be sure to black out your social security number, date of birth, bank account numbers or EIN prior to submitting the documents.
- If you are seeking the status of your application, you will receive a benefit status letter in the mail within 7-14 business days after your verification documents have been received. If it has been more than 14 business days, please call **(414) 270-4653**.
- If you have a complaint regarding your experience with the Energy Assistance Program, please call **(414) 289-6656** or email EnergyAssistance@MilwaukeeCountywi.gov and a representative will follow up with you within 48 hours. If you completed your application online and have questions call **(800) 506-5596** for assistance.

Renters Assistance

Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction. In partnership with Milwaukee County Eviction Prevention Funds, to financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on communityadvocates.net or requested by emailing renthelp@communityadvocates.net. An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **(414) 270-4646**.



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1**. If you want detailed information please go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-211.

Milwaukee County Recommended Budget Avoids Major Service Cuts, But Fiscal Cliff Looms

Milwaukee County is in the midst of another budget season. On Thursday, September 29 County Executive David Crowley presented his \$1.37 billion 2023 Recommended Budget.

Direct revenue such as golf fees, beer garden sales, and venue rentals make up the largest portion of revenues at 27.6%. Property taxes make up 22.8%. Other major sources of funding in this budget include sales taxes, federal and state revenues, and bond and note proceeds.

This year's budget was aided by some good fortune in a couple of areas which averted major cuts and allowed for some targeted investments that align with the County's strategic plan. Robust growth in the county's current 0.5% sales tax helped stave off service cuts. \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds filled a gap in mass transit funding for this year, though the County Executive did include reduced service for routes 34, 52, 88, and 92.

While major service cuts have been avoided for another year, without a sustainable, long-term solution to its growing structural deficit Milwaukee County will have no local dollars for services such as parks, transit, or many of the human services residents rely on. Milwaukee County continues to work alongside the Move Forward MKE coalition to pursue a 1 percent local option sales tax, to be paired with property tax relief. The 1 percent sales tax is the county's best option to ensure the future of these services.

The County Board's budget process is guided by guiding principles of racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum. These guiding principles help create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensures all voices are heard.



Supervisor Taylor, 1st Vice Chair, attended the County Board Annual Public hearing on November 1st at the Marcus Center. She is seated next to Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson.



Supervisor Taylor poses with American Transit Union (ATU) advocates at the Milwaukee County Board budget adoption meeting. The deliberations on the budget took 12 hours, and it was passed 15-3.

Supervisor Taylor Spends Fall Touring County Facilities

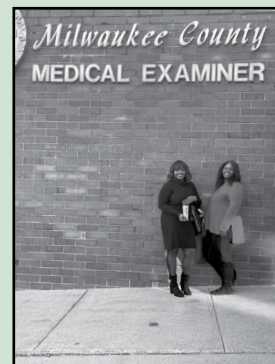
Supervisor Taylor spent the fall season connecting with department heads and taking facility tours, so she fully understands both the challenges and triumphs that Milwaukee County has. The facilities she has toured include the Milwaukee County Zoo, Medical Examiner Office, Mitchell Airport and the Domes.



Left: Supervisor Taylor enjoys Desert dome environment with parks staff and Domes Director Doris Maki. The Domes are located in Mitchell Park and are a great way to take a break from the Wisconsin Winter. Visit [county.milwaukee.gov/Domes](https://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Domes) to plan a trip!



Center: Supervisor Taylor walks with Milwaukee County Zoo Director Amos Morris, the first African American Zoo Director for Milwaukee County.



Right: Supervisors Taylor and Coggs-Jones toured the Medical Examiner Office. A new Forensic Science Center is included in the 2023 budget, giving this facility a much-needed upgrade. The Milwaukee County medical examiner handles all autopsies for Southeast Wisconsin.

Task Force Guides Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Congress provided Milwaukee County with \$183.6 million in federal funding. Milwaukee County has until the end of 2024 to decide how to spend its ARPA funding.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in July 2021 to create the ARPA Task Force, which provides recommendations to the County Board on how to allocate these federal funds. The Task Force is also charged with creating a process to broadly engage the public and ensure diverse input from the community.

Notable projects that have been recommended by the ARPA Task Force include:

- \$18M to support affordable housing development and rehab of Milwaukee County foreclosures for first-time homebuyers.
- \$4.2M to support eviction prevention services for Milwaukee County residents. The funds provide a flexible housing subsidy to address residents in need of emergency assistance. Funds also provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation.
- \$6.7M to support Milwaukee County's behavioral health programming. Programming will provide an immediate influx of resources to combat the underlying issues of urgent problems including an increase in gun violence, substance abuse, and other mental health concerns in Milwaukee County.
- \$1.1M to increase the purchase and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables by allowing double the dollars of FoodShare for participants at participating Milwaukee County farmers' markets.
- \$32.3M to renovate the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center and co-locate staff with youth and adult systems of care, adapt to evolving program needs, create a welcoming and accessible environment, and address critical maintenance issues.
- \$3,500,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County tourism by investing in the Milwaukee County Zoo.
- \$10,150,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County develop affordable housing.
- \$19,700,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support the sustainability of the Milwaukee County Transit System.
- \$4,500,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support the completion of the new Mental Health Emergency Center

These projects all meet the U.S. Treasury Department guidance on allowable uses for the ARPA funds, which include:

- **Supporting public health expenditures**, such as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- **Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to

workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;

- **Replacing lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- **Providing premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- **Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

The ARPA funding Milwaukee County received will help the county's recovery, but it is much less than the estimated \$300 to \$400 million Milwaukee County lost in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is also a one-time infusion of cash and does not effectively address Milwaukee County's long-term structural deficit. The imbalance will compel the County to dedicate a large portion of ARPA funds to recover costs incurred due to the pandemic.

Based on the Treasury Department's guidance and Milwaukee County's strategic plan, the ARPA Task Force unanimously approved a framework for recommending ARPA funding. The framework recommends that the County allocate 63% of ARPA dollars (\$115,728,599) to revenue loss recovery, 20% (\$36,739,238) to community support, 13% (\$23,880,505) to COVID-19 mitigation, and 4% (\$7,347,848) to fund administration.

6th District County Supervisor Shawn Rolland and former United Community Center Executive Director Ricardo Diaz serve as co-chairs of the ARPA Task Force. The Task Force has been meeting publicly since August of 2021.

Information on how to submit ideas to the ARPA Task Force, as well as records of allocated funds can be found at county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce.

Records of the ARPA Task Force, including meeting agendas, minutes, and archived videos of proceedings can be found at milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.

Register for my newsletter and join my mailing list for updates on similar events I host at
County.Milwaukee.gov/Taylor

Service Guide for 5th District Milwaukee County Residents

5th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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Aging and Disability Resource Center (414) 289-6874

Airports

Mitchell International Airport (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport (414) 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement (414) 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court (414) 278-5362

County Clerk (414) 278-4067

County Executive (414) 278-4211

County Treasurer (414) 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division (414) 278-4538

Children's Court (414) 257-7700

Dept. of Health and Human Services (414) 289-6897

District Attorney's Office (414) 278-4646

Election Commission (414) 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) (414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency (414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) (414) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis (414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline (414) 93-FRAUD

House of Correction (414) 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information (414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message (414) 985-6000

Marcus Performing Arts Center (414) 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic. ... (414) 278-4067

Medical Examiner (414) 223-1200

Milwaukee Art Museum (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society (414) 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens (414) 525-5600

General Information (414) 257-7275

Parks Hotline (414) 257-5100

Golf Office (414) 257-8024

District 5 Parks

Indigenous Peoples', 7301 W. Courtland Ave. ... (414) 353-3213

Lindsey, 43604 N. 87th St. (414) 353-3213

Madison, 9800 W. Glendale Ave. (414) 476-4510

Vogel, 8601 W. Lancaster Ave. (414) 353-3213

Milwaukee County Zoo (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee County Sports Complex (414) 281-2694

Milwaukee Public Museum (414) 278-2702

Municipalities

Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council (414) 286-2221

Milwaukee Night Number (414) 286-CITY (2489)

Wauwatosa (414) 479-8900

Office of Persons with Disabilities (414) 278-3932

Register in Probate (414) 278-4444

Register of Deeds (414) 278-4021

Rent Assistance (414) 278-4902

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus (414) 343-1700

UW-Extension (414) 256-4600

Veterans Services (414) 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service (414) 278-4667

Supervisor Taylor Represents Milwaukee County in New Zealand

Supervisor Taylor was 1 of 8 people nominated out of hundreds to be one of the first visitors in New Zealand since it closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic to represent the United States and the State of Wisconsin. Supervisor Taylor was part of a delegation sent by American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). For over 50 years, ACYPL has introduced young leaders to international affairs and to each other through exchange.



Providing Aid in Ghana

Supervisor Taylor travelled to Ghana this past July and August in her personal capacity and visited a school run by volunteer educators. On her birthday, she celebrated by speaking to the youth and gave out many hygiene products. She loved connecting with everyone and felt very welcomed. Supervisor Taylor is passionate about bringing tangible help to those around her, in both her capacity as a county supervisor and her everyday life.



Sup. Taylor poses with some of the students that she spoke to and provided hygiene products.



Sup. Taylor in the streets of Ghana, balancing a basket full of water bottles on her head. Carrying on the head is a common practice in many parts of the world, as an alternative to carrying a burden on the back, shoulders and so on. People have carried burdens balanced on top of the head since ancient times, usually to do daily work, but sometimes in religious ceremonies or as a feat of skill, such as in certain dances.



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Name: _____

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Do you have any concerns in your area, such as housing, jobs, safety, or transportation? _____

What does moving Milwaukee forward look like to you? _____

Please check the items that you would like to request:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Zoo Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Taylor to speak or
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Transit Routes Guide | |